

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility scores high marks on ACA Accreditation Audit

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David Dutton from Ohio and Audit Chairman, Doug Sproat from Mississippi rounded out the audit team. Dutton commented on the very secure and sound practices at the facility as well as the new, very nice units. "There are very special complexities at this facility with girls and boys, old and new units and having new staff." He also said he was impressed with the creativity and flexibility with the programming and in the management of both the young men and women. Sproat echoed many of the comments made by Dutton and Martin. He also said, "Thank you for what you do for troubled youth in Indiana."

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility Superintendent Robert Rivenburg said, "I couldn't be more proud of my staff and the work that is being done here. They are tireless in their dedication to these teenagers."

Boys and girls are housed at the IJC, however all programming and housing units are completely separate and gender specific.

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